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Minister of National Defense, Carlos Delgado Chalbaud, stated that the Minister had issued an instruction to Army personnel to refrain from indulging in politics. The Minister's statement made clear that no officer or enlisted man was to join or "flirt" with any political party, including the Accion Democratica. Several members of the Army allegedly have already been released for failure to obey this instruction.

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